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UPGRADING A DATABASE IN A REDUNDANT ENVIRONMENT BY

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

The pending claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.